

Council Orders Engineer Chamber Seats Representatives Of Three Areas To Set Up Light District

A resolution ordering the city engineer to prepare an assessment diagram, plans, specifications, and other reports to set up lighting assessment districts in Torrance was approved by a split vote of the council here Tuesday.

Opposing the motion was Nick Draie and Victor Benstead. Both said the move was another tax on the property owners of the city. Benstead said he might approve the plan if the money saved by the measure was returned to the property owners by means of a tax reduction.

Mystrey Bill Wins Approval Of Councilmen

Although the council approved a resolution urging young men of Torrance to participate in the activities of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the origin of the matter remained a mystery at Tuesday's council meeting.

The resolution urged young men of Torrance to "avail themselves of the many opportunities for civic leadership and self-improvement through membership in the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce."

"I think we should adopt an omnibus bill to include all the civic organizations," Councilman Willys Blout said.

Someone else wanted to know who put the resolution on the council agenda. No one knew.

Even the city attorney, whose office prepared the matter in proper form for the council, denied knowledge of its origin.

Likewise members of the council.

Mayor Isen did admit, however, that he "might have got a phone call on the matter."

Isen will be installed as an honorary member of the Jaycees tonight.

Girl Scout Troop 126

Girl Scout Troop 126, which meets at the Arlington School, entertained sister scouts, Brownie Troop 1054, at their regular meeting last week.

The girls gave a skit portraying Girl Scout Laws. They used a setting featuring a campfire with pine boughs, logs, and a back drop of a forest made by the girls.

The group sang scout songs, played games, and finished it all off with cookies and punch which the girls had prepared.

Under the provisions of the plan, residential areas would begin paying a pro rata share of the cost of electricity and maintenance on street lights in their area on Nov. 1, 1958. The plan is set up for three years, ending Oct. 31, 1961.

Cost to the average homeowner would be somewhere around 25 cents a month, City Manager George Stevens estimated.

Costs of lighting intersections and other public areas would still be paid out of general funds of the city, Stevens said.

In other action at Tuesday's meeting included the rezoning of three large parcels of land in north Torrance to single family residential use. There was no opposition to the change as all the property rezoned has been developed as R-1 property by subdividers.

Red Cross Flag
The American National Red Cross was granted permission to fly a Red Cross flag at the city hall during March, 1958.

School Ball Park
The Torrance Unified School District was granted permission to use the Babe Ruth Field on the Torrance Municipal Airport for South High School teams during the spring months with the approval of the Babe Ruth League holding a lease on the property.

Osage Drainage
John Russell, director of public works, was instructed to investigate complaints of insufficient drainage at Prairie Ave. and Osage Ave. after residents of the area petitioned the council.

Stove Bids Ordered
Recommendation by City Manager Stevens that the city purchase three heavy-duty, commercial ranges for the civic auditorium at a total cost of \$104.45 was denied with instructions to call for sealed bids. A companion recommendation that a larger gas service line be installed for \$185 was held over pending stove bids.

Paint Bids Called
Recommendation of Recreation Director Harry Van Bellehem that a painting contract in the amount of \$428 to paint boys' and girls' locker rooms, halls, restrooms, first aid room, lobby, all ceilings, walls, and concrete block walls at the city plunge was denied and sealed bids ordered.

Pop Stand License
Issuance of a free license to the Torrance National Little League to operate a concession stand at Del Amo Baseball Field, 1750 Plaza Del Amo, was granted on the recommenda-

tion of City License Inspector Gale Whitacre.

New Cabs Denied
Request of A & M Transportation Co., Inc., of Gardena, for permit to operate a cab service in Torrance denied after the council determined that there were sufficient cabs in the city at present. The council was told that two cab companies have six cabs each, and a third has two and has requested permission for more here.

Sample Ballots
A resolution directing the city clerk to notify the county that Torrance wished to have the registrar of voters prepare address labels for all registered voters of Torrance to facilitate mailing of sample ballots adopted unanimously. Cost of the service by the county will be an estimated \$152.56.

Chamber Seats Representatives Of Three Areas

Three new directors were appointed to the board of directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to bring the group to its prescribed number of 21.

All three are area representatives and will be serving for the first time on the board, according to Chamber President O. R. Trueblood.

Keith Border, owner of Border's Market, 16920 S. Prairie

Ave., will represent the north Torrance area. Border is active in civic affairs and is a prominent member of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. Clifford Nickle, of Southwood Drugs, 22219 Palos Verdes Blvd., will represent the Southwood section. This is the first time this area has been accorded representation.

'Light Up the Sky' Held Over Fifth Week
"Light Up the Sky," the Moss Hart comedy which has had a four-week run at the Hermosa Beach Playhouse-on-the-Pier, will be held over for another week end.

Tryouts Set For League

Pacific American Babe Ruth League tryouts and registration will be held this Saturday at the field, 247th St., one block west on Crenshaw Blvd. The second annual league dance will be held Feb. 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Redondo Beach. Tickets and further information can be obtained from Paul Roettger.



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